

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraph [0060] with the following:

The implant 50 has a bore receiving the implant engaging portion 26, FIG. 14, that is sufficient to permit the instrument 10 to rotate manipulate the implant 50 in the plane of the implant as defined by axis 60, FIG. 5, normal to the plane of the drawing sheet. To this end, it is preferred that the diameter of the bore be sized such as to closely receive the implant engaging portion 25 as best seen in FIG. 12 as represented by implant engaging portion 42. This spacing of the engaging portion 26 to the bore causes ~~such that any~~ rotation of the instrument 10 ~~to impart~~ ~~[[s]]~~ only a torque on the implant with minimum stress concentration on the implant at the bore. By closely matching the portion 26 to the bore 58, the instrument and implant will rotate in unison with no play therebetween. Any play therebetween will result in tilting the engaging portion relative to the bore and result in stress concentration at a localized point or region rather than spreading the displacement force over a relatively wider area of the bore. Such spreading action of the force minimizes stress concentration and thus minimizes potential damage to the bone implant

Please replace paragraph [0068] with the following:

It is important that the implant bore and the implant engaging portion 26 be smooth surfaced to optimize coupling between the portion 26 and the bore 68. Threads or roughness in the surfaces may become damaged due to stress concentration at the thread crests, especially if the portion 26, FIG. 14, were either threaded or smooth and if the bore 68, FIG. 2, were threaded or otherwise rough. The portion 26 when impacted against the threads or roughened surface of the implant bore at points such as 73, FIG. 11, or 75, FIG. 13, could easily compress and damage the bone at these locations, which is not desirable and could destroy the implant.